

COMMUNITY FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE



October 5th - 12:30 to 3:30. Columbia Room at the Capitol

Panel of Speakers

12:00-12:35 Ruth King will make announcements. Steve Hall, Moderator, opening remarks.

12:35-1:00 Patty Glick, Senior Climate Change Specialist, National Wildlife Federation.

Will provide an overview of global warming, its causes, how it affects climate, and what its global and national consequences are. Ms. Glick has been dedicated to the issue of climate change for more than 20 years. Her work has included research studies on the impacts of sea-level rise in the Florida Keys, the Pacific Northwest, the Chesapeake Bay region, and coastal Louisiana. In 2007, The World Conservation Union named Ms. Glick was one of 23 "Outstanding Women Working on Climate Change Issues". In 2011, the U.S. Dept. of Interior honored Ms. Glick and a team of colleagues with a 'Partners in Conservation' award for their work on climate change vulnerability assessment.

1:00-2:00 The next 3 speakers will describe the regional consequences of climate change, what is

already happening in this area, and what is anticipated in the future. They will tell you of the actions their agencies are taking to protect public health, safety, and property as they work to slow the progress of global warming, and help our community respond to climate change.

Lon Wyrick, Executive Director of the Thurston Regional Planning Council.

He directs the Council, made up of members from 21 jurisdictions, as it carries out regionally focused plans and studies on topics such as transportation, growth management, and environmental quality. Mr. Wyrick is actively involved in the creation of a sustainable development plan for the Thurston region which includes a healthy economy, society, and environment.

Robert Coleman, Resource Conservation Coordinator at The Evergreen State College.

As intern for TCAT's Greenhouse Gas Inventory Project, Mr. Coleman gathered data, developed a set of calculation spreadsheets based on ICLEI's U.S. Community Protocol for Accounting and Reporting Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and co-authored the project's inventory report. He holds a Master of Environmental Studies degree from The Evergreen State College. (Power Point, carbon footprint handout)

Art Starry, Environmental Health Division Director, Public Health and Social Services.

He provides oversight and administration of all programs within the division,

including environmental and water resource monitoring, and investigating and responding to environmentally-related communicable diseases. Mr. Starry started his career at Thurston County Public Health in 1983, and was named director in 1999. He graduated from Washington State University in 1980 with a BS in Bacteriology and Public Health.

2:00-2:30 Steve Hall and Andy Haub will describe the kind of challenges the City of Olympia faces from climate change, and what we are doing to respond.

Steve Hall, Manager, City of Olympia. He has served as the City Manager of Olympia since 2003, after having served as Assistant City Manager for 13 years. His prior experience includes work as the Assistant to the City Manager in Boulder, Colorado, and Public Management Assistant in Kansas City, Missouri. Mr. Hall holds a Bachelor of Public Administration degree from Western Washington University and a Master's Degree in Political Science/Public Administration from Washington State University.

Andy Haub, Planning and Engineering Manager, Public Works Department City of Olympia. He has been with Olympia's Water Resources program since 1990, and participated in the City's initial evaluation of climate change and sea level rise in the early 1990s. Since then, Mr. Haub has continued to lead the City's ongoing planning, community outreach, and technical work efforts related to sea level rise. (Power Point)

2:30-2:45 Chris van Daalen is the Education Coordinator for the Northwest EcoBuilding Guild.

He will be telling you about some new innovations taking place in the building trades that will help slow climate change by reducing our fuel consumption and our CO₂ output. He coordinates educational events such as the South Sound Green Tour, the Vision2Action Symposium Series, and the "The Architecture 2030 Challenge". Mr. Van Daalen helped develop the "EcoHouse" demonstration project at The Commons @ Fertile Ground in Olympia. He is a 20-year resident of the South Sound region, and a lifelong environmental activist.

2:45-3:00 The next two speakers will describe the community-based organizations they belong to, and the importance of citizen involvement in the issue of climate change.

Bourtai Hargrove, Fellowship of Reconciliation.

Ms. Hargrove is retired from the Washington State Attorney General's office where she worked as an Assistant Attorney General for twelve years. Currently, she serves as one of the Thurston County Water Conservancy Board's Commissioners. She is an active citizen-advocate for taking bold actions to reduce climate disruption, including public education and involvement.

Cathy Carruthers, Energy Economist. She has been working with CarbonWA for the past 2 years as an advocate for Environmental Tax Reform. She has a Masters in Economics with 30 years' experience and was formerly employed by the Washington State Department of Ecology and the Department of Natural Resources.

3:00-3:30 Q & A